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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR STOESSEL SPEAKS TO PRAESIDIUM OF BERLIN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIE- UND HANDELSKAMMER

1. IN LUNCHEON HOSTED IN HONOR OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR BY PRAESIDIUM OF THE BERLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHAMBER PRESIDENT HORST ELFE IN WARM TOAST EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AMBASSADOR'S EVIDENT CONCERN FOR BERLIN REFLECTED IN HIS MANY VISITS TO THE CITY SINCE ASSUMPTION OF HIS OFFICE. HE THANKED AMBASSADOR AND MINISTER GEORGE ON PART OF BERLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL WORLD FOR THE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF BERLIN BY THE ALLIED POWERS AND THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE YEARS.

2. IN HIS RESPONSE, AMBASSAODR STOESSEL ACKNOWLEDGED THE NUMEROUS CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONSWHICH HAVE EMANATED FROM THE BERLIN CHAMBER FOR IMPROVEMENT OF BERLIN ECONOMY. HE ADDED THAT ANY BUSINESSMAN CONSIDERING INVESTMENT IN BERLIN COULD BE SURE OF ONE THING; THE LONG-TERM POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE CITY. AMBASSADOR REITEREATED THAT THE ALLIED COMMITMENT TO THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY REMAINED AS FIRM TODAY AS IT HAS EVER BEEN. IN THIS THERE WAS NO INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OUR NATIONAL EFFORT TO BUILD UNCLASSIFIED

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A WIDER AREA OF COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. AS WAS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE RECENT VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO BERLN AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S PARTICIPATION AT THE LONDON SUMMIT, BERLIN REMAINS FOR THE UNITED STATES A MAJOR TEST OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND POLITICAL CLIMATE. THE AMERICAN REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT TO BERLIN SERVED THE CAUSE OF PEACE BY MINIMIZING THE POSSI-

BILITIES FOR MISUNDERSTANDINGS. GEORGE

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